

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, Applicants note the allowance of claims 1-10 and 32-55.

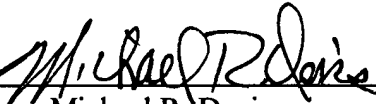
Claims 11-24, 56 and 57 have been rejected. These claims have now been cancelled. Cancellation of the these claims is without prejudice to Applicants' filing a continuing application directed to the subject matter of these claims.

The rejection of claims 11-24, 56 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) or 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on Terano et al. has been rendered moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

Accordingly, the application is now considered to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

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